

MANY WEDDINGS CROWDED INTO APRIL'S LAST SATURDAY

Newport Villas Will Begin to Open for the Season in May
—Practical Patriotism Shown in Enterprises for War Relief—More Engagements Announced

The old prejudice against May weddings may account for the fact that many nuptial events were crowded into yesterday, the last Saturday of April. Yet in foreign countries the month of May, as May is called, is favored by brides. However, in these days it is not always convenient to choose a wedding date far in advance, and next month there will no doubt be numerous unexpected marriages of men in the service who are ordered to foreign parts on short notice.

Last Sunday there was the hurriedly arranged marriage of Miss Amy Bradshaw Johnson and Lieut. Herbert Groesbeck, Jr., which took place in the Centennial Chapel of St. George's Church in Stuyvesant Square, and most of those who witnessed it arrived in the midst of a pouring rain, which also greeted the bride on her arrival at the chapel.

The number of guests who braved the weather attested the popularity of the young couple, who had dispensed with the customary formalities. The most informal sort of reception was held in the vestry room. There was some wedding cake for the guests, and in deference to food conservation efforts was thrown after the bride and groom on their departure in place of the customary rice. The bride is the stepdaughter of Col. William Graves Bates, U. S. A., who came on from Camp Wadsworth with her mother, Mrs. Bates, for the wedding, returning on Tuesday to his command. Lieut. Groesbeck had but a brief furlough, and has gone back to Camp Dix, where he has been for several months.

Another unexpected wedding probably took place in Paris on Thursday when Miss Janet Alexander, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, was to become the bride of Capt. Arnold Walbridge of the Fifth Field Artillery. At least the intention of Miss Alexander and Capt. Walbridge was to be married on that day; but cables of pleasant events do not war in any case Capt. Walbridge had a furlough of a few days, and details of the marriage may be expected to come later.

One of the weddings to take place next month will be that of Miss Natalie Du Vivier, daughter of the late Charles Girault Du Vivier, to John A. O'Connor of this city, which will be quietly celebrated in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral on the morning of May 8. Miss Du Vivier is related to several French families long residents of this city, among them the Montagne, La Montagne and Bruguera. She is a niece of L. Edwards Frith and also of the late Edward Du Vivier, who will be remembered by older members of the Union Club.

As has been the case throughout the fashionable season, there will be many engagements for war relief and other worthy objects for some weeks to come.

There has been arranged for Wednesday night in the Plaza ballroom a concert to be followed by dancing for the benefit of the work being carried on by the national aeronautics committee of the Woman's Naval Service. There have been sold many tickets and boxes, and as all the expenses of the concert and dance have been provided for it is expected that a good sum will be realized for the purchase of athletic outfits for our young aviators now abroad, as well as to give them something to smoke. The soloists of the concert will be Miss Glomar Novae, the Brazilian pianist, and Louis Graveure, larynx.

The executive committee of the organization includes Mrs. Charles Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Henry A. Wise Wood, Mrs. Clinton Gilbert and Mrs. Melvin A. Bronson. Associated with them are Misses William E. Benjamin, Warner M. Leeds, Marshall H. Russell, George Churchill, Horatio N. Slater, William H. Crocker, Benjamin Thaw, John H. Plager, E. French Vanderhilt, Charles S. Wadman, John H. Wilby, F. McNeil Bacon, Cornelius Vanderhilt, A. D. Pratt, J. Stewart Barney, James Roosevelt, J. Philip Bankard, Charles H. Sabin, John C. Kerr, Henry P. Davidson, Edmund Le Row Dow, W. Lawrence Green, William Jay Schiffelin, Lawrence Townsend, Herbert M. Hartman, Walter E. Maynard, Paul Tuckerman, Schuyler Nelson Warren, Charles De Looney, Lewis Gouverneur Morris, Edward M. Weld, Paul Morton, William Chapman Potter, David Wagstaff, A. Murray Young and Edward W. McKenna. Miss Louise Scott and Miss Anne H. Bennett.

Supper will be served after the concert and later there will be general dancing. Tickets and boxes may be obtained of Miss Doane, 18 West Thirty-fourth street.

A dinner will be given on Tuesday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria for the Woman's Naval Service. Miss Alice Carpenter will preside and will introduce the speakers, among whom will be James M. Beck, P. Francis Murphy, Henry A. Wise Wood and Mme. Yvette Guilbert. The guests at the speakers' table will include Mrs. Henry P. Davidson, Mrs. Edward T. Stoyesbury, Miss Elizabeth Marbury, Capt. Remond, Lieut. Italian Flying Corps, Lieut. Maschere, French Air Service, Henry Woodhouse and Alan R. Hawley.

Among the patronesses of the dinner are Misses Robert Bacon, Herbert L. Satterlee, Wendell Barker, John Greenough, Arthur Scribner, William F. Bonbright, Oliver Harriman, E. Louis Glad, W. Bourke Cockran, James J. Higinson, James E. Elton, Huntington Hooker, Joseph S. Stevens, Seymour Le Grand Cromwell, Walter Damrosch, Laurent Oppenheim, Whitney Warren, Charles Cary Rumsey, Adrian Iselin and William H. Hamilton.

All the proceeds beyond the dinner's cost will be given to the work of the Woman's Naval Service. The advisory committee of this organization includes Theodore H. Banks, Adolph Lewisohn, Lewis L. Clarke, Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, Dr. Leiland Coker, Major-General Leonard Wood and Herbert L. Satterlee.

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A concert for the benefit of American artists who have entered the service will be given under the patronage of prominent women at Aeolian Hall on Friday. It was arranged at the studio of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney recently by a group of painters and sculptors. Miss Alice Michot, soprano, who has come here recently from Paris, and Lester Donahue, pianist,

many New Yorkers will be settled in their villas to remain until autumn. Evidently Newport will have a good season, so far as the occupancy of villas is concerned, and the life there will be simple and devoted to relief work.

For the first time in several years Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel, who have been in Santa Barbara, Cal., for the greater part of the winter, will not be at Fairholm, their villa at Ochre Point. They will not come East before October, owing to Mrs. Drexel's illness, which prevented her from coming on for the wedding yesterday of her son, John R. Drexel, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Brinton Thompson.

Mrs. James A. Burden, who for many years has passed the summer in Paris with her sister, Mrs. Griswold Gray, has leased again the Morrell villa at Ochre Point. Mrs. G. Maurice Congdon of Providence has taken a villa to be near her mother, Mrs. William Grosvenor, her husband being in service. Mrs. Craig Biddle of

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Miss Helen Brice, daughter of the late Senator Calvin S. Brice, will be at the Bancroft villa in Purgatory road. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Carhart, who have been for the winter and spring at the Ritz-Carlton, have leased for the season the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ruthven Pratt in Belle Vue avenue.

Mrs. Alexander J. Casavet of Philadelphia has taken Midfield, the villa of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butler McCarg, Miss Ruth King will be at Pine Lodge in Catherine street. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Rice have gone from the home of Mrs. Louis Lorillard, where they passed the winter, to Miramar, their villa on the cliffs of Oden Codman of New York has taken Sans Souci, the home of the late James Parker.

After an absence of some years from Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Johnson have leased the Chase cottage in Rhode Island avenue. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Duke, who have been in Newport for several summers, expect this year to go to the west coast. Mr. George S. Scott and Miss Louise Scott will be at Belmead. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis James will be at Beacon Hill House.

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In St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, on Tuesday afternoon at 4 Miss Dorothy Higelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emerson Higelow, will be married to Lieut. Ward Melville, U. S. R. Bishop James Henry Darlington of Harrisburg, Pa., and the Rev. Karl Relland, rector, will be the officiating clergymen.

Mrs. Lyall Dean will be the matron of honor and the other attendants will be Mrs. D. Morley Lodge and the Misses Eunice Beecher, Dorothy Taylor, Ruth Jenks, Elinor Goodnow and Dorothy Cockshaw. Lieut. Henry V. B. Darlington, chaplain of the Coast Artillery Corps of Fort Totten, will act as best man. The ushers will include Mr. D. K. Wellman, Kate the Chinese Minister; Capt. David Armstrong, Joseph L. Merrill and George B. Compton, U. S. R.; Lyall Dean, Burnett C. Tutill and Ernest S. Roche.

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The next social day of the Theatre Club, Mrs. John Henry Baker president, will be held on Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Astor. The program will be "Birds in War and Peace" and the guests of honor and speakers include Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the Museum of Natural History, Mr. Osborn, Ernest Thompson Seton and Mrs. Seton, T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Audubon Society, and Mrs. Pearson, and Mrs. John Francis Sawyer, president of City Federation of Women's Clubs. During the afternoon there will be bird songs and bird dance.

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